be forwarded in a very Short time, and we must Acknowledge that Red Book even a Small Supply of any Kind, either Victuals, or money, would No. 26 at present be very Acceptable.

## [U. Forrest to Gov Lee]

Sir I neglected to mention to yr Excellency that I had been spoke Red Book to by several Gentlemen in Balto Town to Recommend as a proper No. 26 person for the purchasing of Provisions for Baltimore County, Mr Letter No.98 Thomas Donnellan who has Acted with great Reputation as Issuing Commissary on Balto Town from the beginning of the War. he finds that Office insufficient to maintain his family & I believe would fill the other with great Integrity.

Mr Bravet who was recommended by Gen1 Gist has gone forward with the Troops upon the Resumption that he wou'd be appointed an Officer. My Mother being dangerously Ill together with some other Circumstances has made it necessary for me to Visit St Mary's this week. I shall make every dispatch to get back in the mean Time hope I shall not be wanted, as I believe no acct beyond what Mr Valette can pass will be paid before my Return.

## [Sam Huntington, President, Philadelphia to His Excy the Gov Lee]

(Circular) Sir Your Excellency will receive herewith enclosed two Acts of Congress of the  $26^{th}~\&~27^{th}$  Instant.

The former recommending to those of the States where Debts are due to the Inhabitants from the Quartermasters & Commissary's Department, by Notes, or Certificates given as mentioned in the Act; to make Provision for discounting & discharging such Debts by empowering the Collectors to receive them in Payment of the Taxes due to the first of March last in the Manner prescribed in the Act. It is hoped this mode may prove beneficial in those States where considerable Debts are due under the Circumstances above mentioned, and in those States only can the Act be properly applied.

By the other Act of the 27th you will be informed of the Measure adopted by Congress to equip for Sea the naval Force of the United States with the utmost Expedition as also their recommendation to the several States to adopt the necessary Measures for promoting Harmony & forwarding the common Views of France & America as expressed in the Resolutions enclosed; which it is not to be doubted will meet with due Consideration & Attention from the several States, and receive the necessary Aid of the Legislatures to carry the same into Execution as speedily as the nature of the Case will admit.

Monday Morning

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